

The Ending of Controversie
Behind 538 Aurora Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

1970

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The house is built of brick, in English bond with random stretchers in the header course with diaper work. It was reconstructed from a structure west of Easton on Villa Road which was destroyed in the 1930's. It was presumably the 1670 home of the well-known Quaker, Wenlocke Christison, a pioneer of freedom of religion in Maryland. It is a reconstruction built in 1970 by Dr. Henry Chandlee Forman, F.A.I.A.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Ending of Controversie

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Behind 538 Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: Study

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. H. Chandlee Forman

Telephone #: 301-822-1411

STREET & NUMBER

538 South Aurora Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

RECONSTRUCTION

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dr. H. Chandlee Forman has reconstructed a portion of a structure which stood west of Easton on Villa Road until it was destroyed in the 1930's. According to Dr. Forman, the structure was the 1670 home of Wenlocke Christison, a Quaker and pioneer of religious freedom of Maryland.

The building is one and a half stories in height with a steeply pitched gable roof and a brick gable end on the west. The structure faces north and stands in a neighborhood of twentieth century houses.

This is a one-bay building with a large room on the first floor. The large interior fireplace is located against the brick gable where there is a broad enclosed chimney with a corbelled cap and a white bond of two courses. Brick bonding and pattern is quite interesting: the regularity of the English bond is broken by random stretchers in the header course; and the floor line of the upper half story is marked by four courses of stretchers. There are random glazed headers and diaper work along the eaves. There are two two-light casement windows on each floor. The windows are secured by plain, wide frames and penny end strap hinges.

The other three elevations are covered with random width board and batten siding. The joist ends are exposed. Barge boards finish the roof at the eaves.

The building is used as a studio and a workshop, and the interior details are both reconstructions and antique. The fireplace opening is very wide; there is an enclosed corner stair beside the fireplace.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1970	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Dr. H. Chandlee Forman
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ending of Controversie is interesting both as a reconstruction and as a document of an old house now lost. The diaper work and bonded chimney, as well as the exposed joists, are architectural elements not seen in the town of Easton; and the building itself represents a period of Talbot County's history which preceeded the founding of the town. Therefore, this reconstruction is a physical document which contributes to the wide range of historical architecture represented in the town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Tilghman, O., History of Talbot County, Maryland, Vol. 1, p. 103-134

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

NONE

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton

DATE

January 24, 1977

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STATE

Maryland 21601

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538 S. Au T-299

View to

Easton, Tenn.

max 200 ft

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538 S. Aurora Street, Easton

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